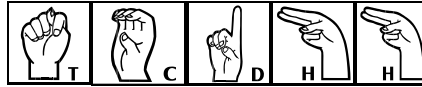


TCDHH NEWS



September 2010



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From the Director's Desk — Thom Roberts



It's that time of year again when we start to notice the leaves changing color, the change in temperature, and the change from baseball to football.

Change is a part of life. Without change, we would not become all that we hope to be. I hope that all of your "changes" this season will be good ones.

We also have changed, over the years, how we do this newsletter. We want to include more articles and events from you. In addition, we would like for you to use your creativity to name our newsletter. If you have any suggestions, please send us your

top two choices and we will publish them in our next newsletter. Please submit them by December 31 so that we have time to review them. I look forward to receiving your entries!

Like the song says, "A Change Would Do You Good"!

Thom



COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Upcoming feature



Our newest council member, Margie Ulrich, CCC-A, Clinical Audiologist has volunteered to host a question and answer section in our newsletter. The new section will be entitled "ASK THE AUDIOLOGIST" and will be in the upcoming issue. Please email your questions to gina.weeks@tn.gov with "ATA" in the subject line. Your questions/answers may be included in the following issue of the newsletter.

Thanks Margie!



Introductions (& Congratulations)



Please welcome Margie Ulrich from East Tennessee, our newest council member. She replaced Laurie Pullins, whose term ended this spring. Margie is a clinical audiologist and the owner of the Better Hearing Center in Dayton, Tennessee. Margie is also an accomplished author and has written many articles for magazines and websites.



WELCOME MARGIE!



CENTER UPDATES

In recent months there have been a few changes among the centers.

- As many of you already know, Mr. Glen Barr, Executive Director of Jackson Center for Independent Living, passed away in May. Mr. Barr will be greatly missed. Until further notice, Ms. Catherine Sturdivant will replace Mr. Barr. Our condolences go out to the Barr family.
- From Memphis, a.k.a. Deaf Connect of the Mid-South, Mr. Ron Aven, Executive Director resigned in May. The interim Executive Director is Mr. Bob Morris. Please help us welcome Mr. Morris.



Mr. Glen Barr

**Bridges
welcomes
six new
board members:**

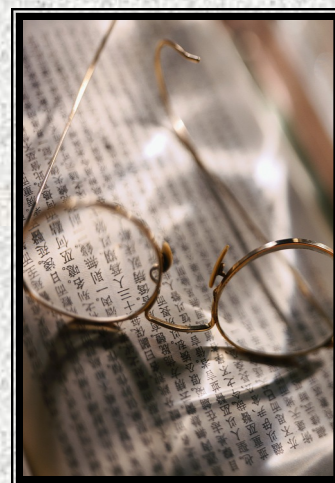
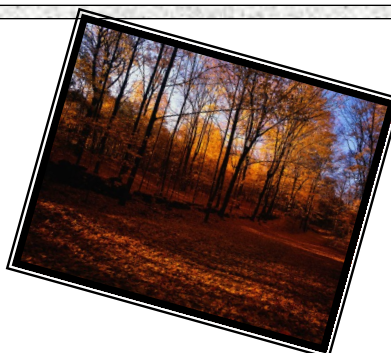


**Colleen Turner, Kelly Miller,
Michelle Puryear, Bob Gel-
dreich, Rebecca Leslie,
Charlene Cohne-DeRoy.**

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TCDHH Council Highlights

- The Governor's budget does not include any cuts for Vocational Rehabilitation and there are no cuts in any of our program budgets this year.
- The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is in the process of installing a new paperless Case Management system
- Deaf Connect of the Mid-South, in partnership with Memphis City Schools, and the Tennessee Early Intervention Service, has the opportunity to start a new program called Deaf Family Literacy Academy. It has been chosen as the first place outside of Florida to participate in the program.



TCDHH Executive Director's Activities



May

11 – “Healing Hidden Wounds” workshop
13 – TREDs Advisory Council Spring Meeting
14 – TCDHH Council Meeting
17 – Memphis City Board of Education Meeting
24 – Disability Determination Services In-Service Relay Training

June

18 – Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network
July
6 – Orientation to Deafness Guest Speaker
15 – Bob Morris meeting in Memphis
June 29 – August 1 – RID Region II Conference

August

7 – Town Hall Meeting in Memphis
10 – Emergency Responders meeting
16 - Disability Determination Services In-Service Relay Training
27 – TCDHH Council Meeting



2010 Linda Cowden Memorial Scholarship Winner, Lane Watson, III



Joe Cowden presents Edward Lanier "Lane" Watson, III with certificate.

Lane is a 2010 graduate of Hillsboro High School and will be attending Gallaudet University in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS LANE!

Gallaudet WORLDEAF Cinema

The Gallaudet WORLDEAF Cinema international festival will take place **November 4–7, 2010** in Washington, D.C.

Pioneer deaf filmmaker George W. Veditz said “As long as we have our films, we can preserve signs in their old purity.” Deaf Cinema is indeed here to stay! Join the celebration of the work of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing filmmakers of the past, the present, and the future. The WORLDEAF Cinema Festival offers unique opportunities to network with motion picture industry leaders, and you’ll also have opportunities to participate in discussion forums on production, marketing, and distribution issues. Daily screenings of films and videos will showcase new and classic works. Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing filmmakers who produce films with or about Deaf or Hard of Hearing people are invited to submit works to the competition.

This will be a truly significant milestone in the history of deaf filmmaking so be sure to mark your calendar to attend this exciting event.

MARLEE MATLIN, Honorary Chair of Gallaudet WORLDEAF Cinema



News from Gallaudet University

Gallaudet has taken over \$2 million in cuts this year and as part of that, they have laid off approximately 40 employees. The word is that the southeast regional center will merge into the mid-Atlantic center which is at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. The Center at Flagler College will close September 30, 2010.



Did You Know?

The pumpkin capital of the world is Morton, IL., home of the Libby corporation's pumpkin industry.



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West Tennessee School for the Deaf Field Day, 2010



Jackson Center for Independent Living Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Director Amy Cone and staff interpreter Kathy Simmons attended the West TN School for the Deaf's Field Day. This year's theme was "Carnival."



Deaf?

Have a problem with drugs or alcohol?

Want signed 12 Step & support meetings?

Deaf Off Drugs and Alcohol offers deaf 12 Step & support meetings led by Deaf facilitators.

All you need is a computer with a web-cam,
high-speed internet and an email account.

If interested, for more information, contact Mandie Roseberry:

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Upcoming Events



Fall / Winter

Memphis Chapter Black Deaf Advocate (MCBDA, Inc.) will have their annual Labor Day Picnic on Saturday, September 4. For

more info: Lordy Smith,

901-691-9492

Communication Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be at the Natural History Museum in Gray on September 8.

For more information:
ccdhh@frontierhealth.org

On September 11, the Communication Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be at the Historic Downtown Blountville Annual Flea Market and Yard Sale.

For more info:

ccdhh@frontierhelath.org

Historic Jonesborough, TN is hosting the International Storytelling Festival October 1-3. Interpreters will be present.

For more info:

www.storytellingcenter.net

October 2nd is North East Tennessee's Deaf Activities annual Deaf Awareness Week Banquet. For more info:
ccdhh@frontierhealth.org

SERID 2010
OCTOBER 16 - 19, 2010
Louisville, KY

"Rising to the Challenge: Raising the Bar"

For More Info: www.serid.org



Communication Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be visiting the Stickley Farm haunted corn maze in Bluff City on October 22. For more info: www.thestickleyfarm.com



Tennessee Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Mission Statement

The Tennessee Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (TCDHH) exists to serve as an advocate for culturally appropriate services affecting Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind persons through coordination, public awareness, and consultation in areas of public service, health care, and education and employment.